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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1626

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SUBJ: TRANSLINEAR DISPUTE WITH GOH

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0534

1. IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSLINEAR BOARD CHAIRMAN CROOK'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF TRANSLINEAR'S PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH GOH SINCE HE SENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER JULY 16, 1975, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BAYARD COPY OF OFFICIAL LETTER HE SENT TO TRANSLINEAR PRESIDENT WILLIAM CARDEN ON OCT 20, 1975. BAYARD'S LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO A CABLE OF OCT. 8 FROM CARDEN (COPY ALSO SENT US) REPORTING THAT CERTAIN TRANSLINEAR STOCKHOLDERS HAD CARRIED MATTER TO SENATORS KENNEDY AND BENTSEN URGING SWIFT AGREEMENT ON A NEW CONTRACT.

2. BAYARD DECLARED THAT:

(A) SOLE AIM OF STOCKHOLDERS IN SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL POLITICAL SUPPORT WAS TO FORCE HAITI TO ACCEPT A CONTRACT WHICH WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO RENOUNCING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PART OF TERRITORY ENVISAGED IN AGREEMENT;

(B) CAREFUL STUDY OF CONTRACT BY GOH LEGAL ADVISORS HAD LED TO CONCLUSION THAT WERE PROPOSED CONTRACT PROVISIONS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, THEY WOULD DO SERIOUS VIOLENCE TO SEVERAL ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND TO PROVISIONS OF HAITIAN LAW;

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(C) GOH IS VERY INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY

AND TO THIS END SEEKS TO EXCLUDE NO COMPANY WHICH RESPECTS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI AND ITS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE, ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, IN THE EXPLOITATION OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES;

(D) THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, GOH DESIRES AND IS READY TO MEET TRANSLINEAR REPRESENTATIVE ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS, AND ON A DATE CONVENIENT TO THEM, IN ORDER TO WORK WITH THEM ON A DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH HAITI AND TRANSLINEAR.

3. WE ARE POUCHING FULL TEXT OF BAYARD LETTER TODAY, MARCH 1.
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